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Hon. Senator Joseph McCarthy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Senator:

I would like to inform you of a situation that exists with regard to Western Union cables that are sent to Austria. All such Western Union cables that are addressed to Austria are routed via Prague so that they all go behind the Iron Curtain and there, of course, advantage may be taken of the information contained in the cables.

This situation should certainly not exist and should be prevented. I am certain that no American businessman who sends wires to Austria by Western Union knows that his wires go via the Iron Curtain and that they are then rerouted from Prague to Vienna. Not only does this happen with wires sent to the Russian sectors of Vienna and the Russian Zone of Austria but also to the Western sectors of Vienna and the Western (American, British and French) Zones of Austria.

I look forward to your reaction to the above.

Yours very truly,

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